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The crop reports from all over Texas are very cheering, and the coming season will be far from a poor one.

The Forty-eighth Congress will have to answer at the bar of public opinion for many sins of omission and commission.

It is an enemy to the Democratic party, although a Democrat, who questions the methods of the machine and its manipulations.

It is an enemy to the title of reformer if the fact that he originated that most celebrated "Reform" measure, the salary grab, can be taken into consideration.

The Laborer begs the pardon of that excellent paper, the Boerne Register, in crediting an article from that paper to its contemporary, the Advance, and will be more careful in the future.

This bill granting the right of way for the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroad through the Indian Territory has become a law, and will give to middle Texas its most valuable outlet to the west and northwest.

Fancy matches are very unreliable, judging from an item in Figure, which estimates the number necessary to light the gas at 2; a candle, 3; a cigarette, 4; a cheap cigarette, 18; a cigar, 25; a pipe, 31; a fire in a stove, the entire box.

The doctors have been able to agree whether the epidemic in Toulon and Marsailles is the real genuine cholera or not. But as it spreads rapidly and is deadly in its effects it answers all the purposes of the genuine.

Among the river and harbor bills passed by both houses of Congress are appropriations of \$100,000 for Aransas Pass and bay, \$20,000 for Pass Cavalon inlet, \$20,000 for Salinas Pass and Bay, \$25,000 for Buffalo Bayou and \$25,000 for Brazos de Santiago.

The Lincoln Sun says: "Wash Jones keeps coming to the front as the probable opponent of Governor Ireland in the gubernatorial race. He says nothing himself, but it is the work of Democrats and friends who recognize his worth and ability, to say nothing of his large personal following."

The country press seem to be "going for" Messrs. Templeton and Walton, candidates for the position of Attorney General. Templeton rents a house for gambling purposes in Fort Worth, in violation of the law, while Buck Walton made a hero of Ben Thompson by writing a book of his life.

But little was heard on the subject of Fitz John Porter's petition until quite recently, and the President's veto of the bill to reelect him has brought a howl from the Democratic papers in Congress. The House passed the bill over the veto, but the Senate tied on the vote, and the question will go over to the next session.

"The Star-Vindicator notes with regret the suspension of that sprightly paper Every Sunday. It was issued from the San Antonio Light office, and was one of the very best weeklies that came to our sanctum. The above item would leave the impression that the Light was interested in the Every Sunday, which was not the case, as the Light simply printed the paper for Messrs. Gooden & Caldwell, the editors and proprietors. Every Sunday had a good start and a fair field, but died for want of care and business energy."

That was a good deal of gall displayed, if the New York Sun is to be believed, when an old-time Republican wrote to Mr. Blaine and asked him to support Mr. Blaine. The man is an enterprising paper, but it did not give the name of this Republican, and it leaves the matter in about the same position as if it were a great big scheme for the Sun to show off its devotion to the Democratic party. Republicans who go around asking Democratic editors to support Republican candidates either have much gall or a great deal of child-like belief and simplicity.

FRANK has formally presented Barthold's status. "Liberty enlightening

the world," in the United States. But Governor Cleveland, of New York, refused to sign the bill empowering the Board of Estimates and Apportionment to appropriate \$50,000 of city funds for the pedestal, which action has caused a severe blow to the committee. Private subscriptions have about ceased and the fact remains that New York, which really gets the benefit of this splendid monument, will have to provide the means for its erection, notwithstanding the very nugatory manner in which the enterprise has so far been treated.

CINCINNATI workmen to the number of 300,000, set up a grand demonstration in honor of General Butler on Saturday night and marched through the streets, bearing transparencies, with all manner of sentiments in his favor. The procession stopped at the Palmer house and the General was introduced and made a short address, which met with storm of applause. This, of course, is a little incidental boom, but it is quite significant that if the Democratic convention gets into a wrangle Mr. Butler would not make a very bad compromise candidate.

CON. ROBERT G. JOHNSON, in an interview at Pittsburgh, the other day, said if the Democratic nominated Butler Blaine would have a walk over, and would carry four Southern States and the entire North. The Colonel continued: "I do not expect to make any political speeches. I have made my share. I think Blaine will carry Ohio by 30,000 majority, and I think he will elect. I do not think the bolters will amount to much. They are not strong men. They are well enough educated, speak grammatically, wear glasses and carry umbrellas, but they have little force. They do not believe in organization except for the purpose of laying the foundation of a cult. They will not divert or control enough votes to effect the result."

THE NEW YORK Sun, on the tariff question, says: "Without New York the overthrow of the Democracy is uncertain, and the great question is—How can New York be carried for the Democratic party? If Mr. Tilden were the candidate no platform would be necessary, but with any other man who may be nominated, there must not only be a platform, but its nature is almost as important, and it may be as decisive as the quality of the candidate himself. In his speech, on taking the chair, in the National Republican convention, Mr. R. F. Jones said that the Democratic party must be held to its record on free trade and a tariff for revenue only. This is the ground on which the Republicans wish and hope to fight the campaign, and if the Democrats will accommodate them the election of Mr. Blaine will be assured in July."

W. H. CRAIG, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Seventh district, in a speech at Brownsville last week, asked the question: What good could be accomplished for the Democratic constituency of the district by sending a Republican to a Democratic house? Such sentiments are simply bold, and are no credit whatever to the honorable gentleman making them.

Congressman Ochsler represents the district to which Mr. Craik is aspiring, and he is a Republican, and no man will question the fact that he has done as much for it and his entire constituency as the best Democrat in the state could or would have done, and as the Honorable Tom has said, word that he will be home to take a hand in the coming campaign for re-election, it is quite likely Mr. Craik will be better able to decide the question he asks later in the season.

A THOUSAND South Carolinians have been studying the subject of cotton picking by machinery for a number of years, but not until 1893 did he hit upon the essential principle of his proposed invention. One of his machines was sufficiently complete last autumn for a trial in a cotton field near Sumter, S. C. Its practical success was, it is said, then demonstrated, although the principle was not yet as effectively applied as he desired. Plenty of capital has been at his disposal, and for nine months Mr. Mason has been industriously experimenting to secure greater efficiency, strength, lightness and simplicity in construction, and to reduce friction. He now feels confident that the machine is nearly or quite perfect, though he is conservative in his statements. Ten machines, suited to different modes of planting, varieties of cotton, and other conditions, have been built for trial this season.

The fact that Joe Sayers in a wild way criticized some of the acts of the administration of the old alcalde is sufficient in the eyes of some of the interested to make him ineligible as a candidate for Congress. The matter has been frequently alluded to of late, but the following from the Blanco Star-Vindicator is the most positive. That paper says: "The Democrats of the Tenth district have not forgotten how Joe Sayers treated Governor Roberts, while a member of the Governor's political family, and they will not be likely to nominate him for Congress either. When a man commits an act unbecoming a good Democrat, in this great State of Texas, he may consider himself politically dead. Had Sayers proved himself true to his trusts he would have stood as good a chance for this nomination as any other man, but it's all over with him now. The last nail has been driven into his political coffin and he made it himself too, consequently he has no grounds for complaint. He chose his own bed and there let him lie."

"Blaine has already promised to be friendly toward the South if he should be so unfortunate as to be elected President," says the Gilmer Mirror, "and the policy of his administration will be to replace the present Government officials in the Southern States, wherever possible, with natives who are superior to them in character. He claims to have long deplored the manner in which the Republican party in the South has been managed, and attributes the 'wild South' to the practice of giving official preference to colored men and to allies of bad

character, who never did nor never would have the interests of the people at heart. In this Mr. Blaine displays remarkable shrewdness. It is high time that something was being done to prove to the people of the South that they are no longer regarded as enemies to the Government. A lesson and conquered people, who have bowed and submitted, do not love to be forever humiliated over the actions and actions of the past. If it be admitted that the South was wrong, still that does not justify the North in its ungenerous practice of blowing the ashes and coals into flames again."

LA LANTERNE has a remarkable story about the "Sunbeam" diamond, suggested by the exhibition of precious stones at Paris. In 1880 a diamond valued at over \$600,000 was found in a Chilean mine near Caracoles. Its owner Mr. Juan Pizarro, hawked it about Europe, and at length found a purchaser in Queen Victoria. It was sent into the hands of a Bond street, London, jeweler to be set, and for eight days was exhibited in his window. One fine morning the jeweler found the case in which it was specially set apart broken and the jewel gone. No trace of the thief could be found, and the jeweler partially dismantled the Queen for her loss. On the 7th of May there died in a miserable lodging in Strassburg a man of seventy, named Julian Partridge. His landlady was amazed to find in Partridge's pocket a huge diamond, wrapped up in a letter, which he had handed to himself dying, wished to explain that the diamond in his pocket was the "Sunbeam," which he had stolen, but, knowing that Mr. Pizarro had shown it all over Europe, he had not, after all, dared to attempt to sell it. The diamond was returned to the Queen, who, of course, repaid the jeweler.

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